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## JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Hartford Historical Society will be held on January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Hartford Village. This will be a business meeting, and all members are urged to attend. We will be electing our officers for 1990 and planning our meetings. This is always a challenging time for the new officers, and they want to be sure they get input from the members as to what our meetings are like, who speaks, etc. Be sure to come - and BRING IDEAS.

## NEW YEAR COMING UP - WITH ASSOCIATED ELECTIONS

Irene Brockway, Paul Bennett and Marguerite Hogg have been busy putting together a slate of officers for 1990. They have submitted the following:

President - Priscilla Gadzinski  
Vice President - Georgia Plattner  
Secretary - Marguerite Hogg  
Treasurer - Bob Plattner  
Director-at-Large and President Emeritus - Fred Bradley

These names will be put in nomination during the election at our January meeting. Further nominees are welcome from the floor at the meeting, and members are urged to add names to the slate at that time.

## RECAP OF 1989

The Hartford Historical Society had a very successful 1989 season with four excellent speakers setting record attendance. John Cone started off the year in March speaking about the Cone family and "Hartford, Vermont since 1812." Kate Donahue followed with her talk in May on "Center of Town, Hartford, VT." She drew many comments, confirmations, and interest from the audience, as did all the speakers.

After a summer break, Professor Jere Danniell spoke in September on "The Upper Valley in the American Revolution." Even more people were in attendance than before. Then, in November, Dawn Andrews spoke on "Vermont Hill Farm Life at the Turn of the Century." She drew many "I remember when's".

Anyone who missed the meetings really missed an enjoyable experience. Two of our speakers were funded in part by a matching grant from the Vermont Council on the Humanities and Public Issues.

One of the very exciting accomplishments of 1989 was the establishment of an office in the old police headquarters in the Hartford Town Hall. Several people put a lot of time and energy into making this happen, and we are all thankful. We will be having an open house during Town Meeting Day in March so everyone will be able to see what we've accomplished. In the meantime, if you are in the Town Hall, stop by to see if the office is open.

**MORE ITEMS SAVED FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECORDS**

Pat Stark, a new member of our Society, who works at the Lister's Office, has been salvaging items the Town has wanted to dispose of as they are not in current use. Among these items is a listing of bounties paid on wild animals. She has been turning items over to the Historical Society, and they will be available for viewing at the Open House. Our thanks go to Pat for her initiative and consideration!

**SOCIETY OFFICERS:**

Fred Bradley - President  
Priscilla Gadzinski - VP/Prog  
Robert Plattner - Treasurer  
Marguerite Hogg - Secretary  
Esther Bachelder - Dir/Large

Paul Bennett - Membership Chair  
Georgia Plattner - Membership Cards  
Priscilla Gadzinski - Cataloging  
Cameron Clifford - Geneologist  
Muriel Farrington-Edtr/Archeologist

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